

UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

TO: COUNSEL APPOINTED UNDER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT

The court appreciates your acceptance of appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended (18 U.S.C. § 3006A). By representing a person financially unable to retain counsel, you are fulfilling one of the traditional responsibilities of the bar.

Unless earlier relieved by the court, this appointment will continue until final disposition of the case and will include, should your client be convicted, the responsibility of explaining and, if requested, pursuing rights of appeal.

Any claim for compensation and reimbursement is to be made by filing under oath the enclosed CJA form WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER DISPOSITION OF THE CASE by the United States District Court and if the voucher is filed after the 45 days allowed a letter addressed to the District Judge and Magistrate Judge explaining why the voucher is late should be attached.

The statute prescribes maximum amounts that can be paid to appointed counsel; and this circuit the maximum hourly rates are \$92.00 for time spent in court and \$92.00 for time reasonable spent out of court. Claims MUST be itemized on the voucher (CJA 20) and listed on the hourly worksheets attached. On the applicable lines enter the actual time spend in hour and tenths of hours, as well as the dates on which the services were rendered. Travel by privately owned automobile should be claimed at the rate of 44.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2006.

If at any time you learn that your client is or may be financially able to pay for your legal service, in whole or in part, you should so advise the court unless your information is protected as a privileged communication. You should not accept compensation from any source other than the United States without prior approval by the court.

Further details concerning your appointment are contained in 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, in the Eleventh Circuit Plan under the Criminal Justice Act, and in this court's plan pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act.

This the 9th day of January, 2006.

s/ U.W. Clemon

U. W. Clemon, Chief, United States District Judge

Enclosures
